2 of 5

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 2 6 2005

Docket No. T-671-B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: A. Carrillo et al

Serial Number: 10/700,026

Filed: November 3, 2003 Examiner: S. Dodson

For: Aluminum-Zirconium Antiperspirant Salts With Low M:Cl Ratio

Group Art Unit: 1616

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 12, 2005, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application.

Claims 1 to 14 and 16 to 21 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by Chopra (US 6,375,937). Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Chopra in view of Herb (US 5,534,246). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants have submitted herewith a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 establishing that the present invention was reduced to practice before the effective date of Chopra. Accordingly, applicants believe the present claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

Customer No. 27199
Patent Department
The Gillette Company
Prudential Tower Building
Boston, MA 02199

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan P. Williams

Reg. No. 28,546 Attorney for Applicants

(617) 421-7886